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EXPANSION OF TRADE WITH CHINA AND NEPAL
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal for expansion of trade with China and Nepal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the areas identified for this purpose; and

(d) the specific steps being taken in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (d) : It is the constant endeavour of the Government to expand it`s trade including with China and Nepal.In respect of China, various sectors of export interest include ores, cotton yarn and fabrics, plastic polymers, organic chemicals, stone, granite, marbles, precious stones, seafood, iron & steel, hides and skins, inorganic chemicals, etc. Specific steps taken include signing of Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement and negotiating SPS Protocol to facilitate export of Indian fruits and vegetables to China etc.As regards Nepal, bilateral trade between India and Nepal is sought to be promoted through various provisions of the India Nepal Treaty of Trade.